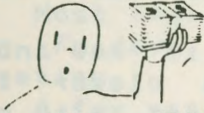
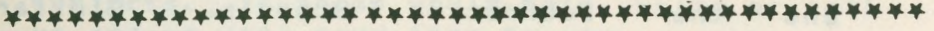




News

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CUTS AND COMBINATIONS

The 70th Legislative Session opened January 13th with much pomp and circumstance. The Governor's Inauguration was celebrated with bar-b-ques, balls, and art shows. While the parties and speeches create a festive atmosphere, critical problems lurk in the background waiting to be addressed.

An approximate one billion dollar deficit for 1987 and a projected deficit of \$3.8 billion for the next biennium leave Texans with a bleak financial picture. Since only two-thirds of the state budget is dedicated funds (i.e. funds committed for a specific purpose by law, the state constitution or log court order), unless drastic changes are made, the bulk of the cuts will come from the undedicated third. Since human service funding is almost all from the undedicated third, they are once again threatened. Governor Clements has proposed an across-the-board 26% cut in our undedicated funds and an increase for higher education. A one-quarter cut in funding will hit hard on vital services.

The other major threat to disability services is the various proposals to combine agencies. The most prominent of these is a proposal by Representative Mark Stiles of Beaumont to create a study to combine all Texas State Agencies into twenty-three state agencies. The Department of Human Services would include the current Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Texas Commission for the Blind, the Department on Aging, Commission on

Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Texas Commission for the Deaf, the Health and Human Services Coordinating Council, and the Cancer Council. The Texas Education Agency would be expanded to include the School for the Blind, the School for the Deaf, and the Teacher Retirement System and Optional Retirement, and the Foundation Schools. Similar combinations are proposed for all other disability agencies.

A very legitimate question is how and/or why oppose a study? But a closer look reveals several reasons. First, with such detailed "suggestions" regarding ways of combining, the agenda has already been set. Second, once the idea of combination is legitimized by such a study, more limited combinations such as those annually proposed for the disability agencies become more acceptable and more likely to happen. Finally, with little real evidence of cost cutting without cutting services, any combination during such economically hard times seems suspicious at best. Now is the time to get involved! Call your legislators!

YOU ARE THE KEY

(We encourage you to reprint this article in your newsletter)

You are the key to successful legislative advocacy! You may ask how you got such an awesome responsibility? Well, the reality is that legislators listen to people like you in their own districts a lot more than they do to many of the people who roam the halls of the Capitol in Austin.

You hear stories of major gloom and doom and wonder what difference you could possibly make! A big difference!

You don't need to be an expert on every subject that the legislature is addressing! You need to express what your need is in your own language. Many legislators never see a disabled person from their own district.

Disability services are abstract concepts that usually do not have a high priority. A visit from you can make these concepts become real. Let them know that real people receive services.

CTD has one-page issue papers on many subjects. If these would help, write or call us and we will send them to you.

Most legislators are in their own district on Fridays. It is a good time to set up a meeting.

A few easy steps to follow:

- 1) Find out who your state representative and state senator is. (Call the League of Women Voters or your County Tax Assessor.
- 2) Get to know who runs the office.
- 3) Call the office and set up a meeting - tell them you want to talk about disability services.
- 4) Go with someone else - Power in numbers.
- 5) Tell the legislator in your own words what you want - if you have written material, bring it with you and leave it. (Again, CTD has issue papers available.)
- 6) Ask them what their positions are on your concerns.
- 7) Thank the legislator for his/her time.
- 8) Visit or call the office to get updates on what the legislator is doing. His/her staff will be able to help you.
- 9) Set up a second meeting with the legislator 30 days after the first meeting. Make them accountable!

You are important! The needs are great and we all have some responsibility.

Working together WE CAN BRING ABOUT CHANGE!

For information about the session contact:
CTD, P.O. Box 4709 Austin, Texas 78765
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- ANNOUNCING -



The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities
will be Holding Meetings on

**ORGANIZING FOR DISABILITY RIGHTS IN
THE 70TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

in

San Antonio, February 12th
El Paso, March 12th
Dallas, March 19th

7:00 - 9:00 PM

JOIN US AND LEARN:

ISSUES

- *Funding for Disability Services
- *Separate State Agencies
- *Transportation Bill
- *Sunset Review: Program Accessibility
- . . . and more

WHAT CTD IS DOING

- *Statewide Network
- *Legislative Monitoring
- *Information Updates
- *Organizing for Action
- . . . and more

LOCAL STRATEGIES

- *Letter writing campaign
- *Meeting with Legislators
- *Resolution to City Councils
- . . . and more

FOR MORE INFO. CALL: CTD 512/443-8252 (V/TDD)
OR THE LOCAL INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER

Platform Interpreters, Braille and Taped Materials, Accessible Location Provided. (Please let us know of any additional needs.)

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES- KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE



During this and future legislative sessions, you may become motivated to write your legislators to express an opinion. Each of us should write our respective state senator and representative when we feel strongly about an issue. We may also need to contact the Governor, the Speaker of the House, or the Lt. Governor to let them know our individual viewpoints. Often it is advisable to write the members of the legislative committee to which the bill has been assigned for review.

Here are the addresses you will need for letter writing:

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Austin, Texas 78711

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The Honorable Gib Lewis
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For federal legislation, you will need to
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Phil Gramm), 703 Hart Office Building,
Washington, D.C. 20510 and
The Honorable (fill in your representative),
242 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

BULLETIN

ATTENTION DISABLED PERSONS LIVING IN THE AUSTIN, DALLAS, EL PASO, AND SAN ANTONIO AREAS

- * Have you been denied vocational rehabilitation services without knowing why?
- * Are you confused about what vocational rehabilitation services you can get?
- * Do you feel you are not getting the services you need from the Independent Living Center?

If you or someone you know are having any of the above problems, the Client Assistance Program (CAP) may be able to help. CAP can help any disabled person receive services from the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, the Texas Commission for the Blind, and Independent Living Centers. CAP can also advise service providers or anyone who has questions about vocational rehabilitation services.

- * Do you want to learn how to better communicate your concerns?
- * Are you not sure who to tell about problems you and other disabled people are having?

Meetings will be held on the "Client Assistance Program and Developing Your Advocacy Skills" from 9:30 am to 4p.m. on

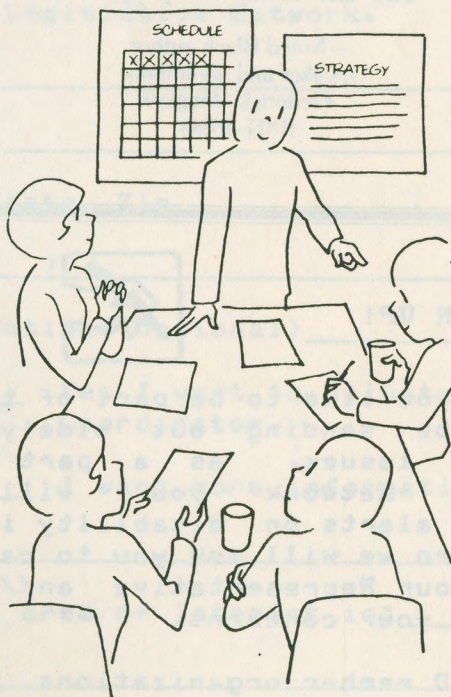
February 13th, San Antonio

March 6th, Austin

March 13th, El Paso

March 20th, Dallas

The meetings are free and open to the public. Platform interpreters, brailled and taped materials, and a accessible location are provided. Please let us know of any additional needs. Please come! For location and more information call Becky in San Antonio 512/226-0054; Rey in El Paso 915/591-0800; Kelly in Dalls 214/631-6900 or CTD in Austin 512/443-8252 (v/TDD). (There will be lunch break from 12:00-1:00pm, BYOL.)



"People who advocate freedom, yet deprecate agitation, are people who want crops without plowing the ground. They want the rain without the awful roar of the thunder and lightning. Without struggle, there is no progress. This struggle might be a moral one. It might be a physical one. It might be both moral and physical, but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. People may not get all that they pay for in this world, but they certainly pay for all that they get."

—Noted Black author,
speaker and abolitionist
Frederick Douglass
(1817-1896)

SIGN UP!



Would you like to be part of the action? CTD will be sending out timely alerts on Legislative issues. As a part of CTD's Legislative Network you will receive legislative alerts on disability issues from CTD. In turn we will ask you to call, write or visit your Representative and/or Senator and express your concerns.

All CTD member organizations are on our alert mailing list but since our membership has grown so much in the past few years we cannot automatically send alerts to all

individual members. However, we want to include all who are interested in receiving this information. So if you are willing to help CTD take action, Sign Up! Please fill out the attached form if you have not filled one out already.

CTD is also looking for people to be Area Coordinators. These people would agree to follow up on alerts with local network folks to be sure everyone has called, written, etc...

Also for your information CTD will be holding advocacy trainings and legislative meetings (see enclosed article), so come and let's update each other!

Dear CTD,

_____ Yes I want to be on the CTD
Legislative Network.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone() _____

Organization:(optional) _____

_____ Yes I want to volunteer as an Area
Coordinator.

_____ I want more information about:

My main area of interest is: _____

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